

Appl. No. 09/642,203
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-26 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 12, and 21 have been amended. Claims 4, 5, 14, 15, 25, and 26 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Hence, claims 1-3, 6-13, and 16-24 are pending after entry of the amendments herein. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 11-13 and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,125,126 to Hallenstål ("Hallenstål") in view of US Patent No. 5,504,804 to Widmark et al. ("Widmark").

Claims 4, 6, 8-10, 14, 16 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hallenstål and Widmark and further in view of US Patent No. 5,329,578 to Brennan et al. ("Brennan").

Claims 5, 7, 15 and 17 have been objected to, which the applicants take to mean that the claims would be allowed if written in independent form. Hence, claims 1, 12, and 21 have been amended to include subject matter from claims 5 and 15, respectively.

Conclusion

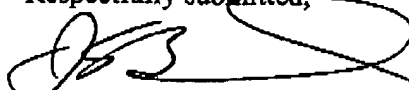
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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